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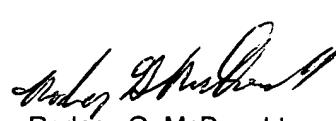
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This is in response to the Remand of July 5, 2006 by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences requiring a revised Examiner's Answer that lists the omitted reference to Meger et al., "Beam-generated plasmas for processing applications", Physics of plasmas, Volume 8, Number 5, May 2001, pp. 2558-2564 in the Evidence Relied upon section of the Examiner's Answer. The revised Examiner's Answer is attached.


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